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Title: Process for the Preparation
of Torsemide and Related
Intermediates
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
OF AUGUST 8, 2006**

December 8, 2006

The Commissioner of Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 8, 2006 and due for response November 8, 2006, Applicant encloses a Request for a one month extension of time making this response due **December 8, 2006**. The Examiner is hereby authorized to withdraw the fee for a large entity of \$120.00 U.S. funds from Deposit Account 08-3255 in the name of Ivor M. Hughes. If there is any deficiency or over-payment of the fees authorized for withdrawal for the Extension of Time, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the over-payment to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.